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Happy. Meals

▶ Mayor Naheed Nenshi celebrates McHappy Day at McDonald's on McLeod Trail and 39th Avenue with Dalton Buyar, 13, and Ronald McDonald yesterday. Buyar has been staying at the Ronald McDonald House since December and finally gets to go home to B.C. this weekend.

CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Calgary mayor helps make it a McHappy day

Transit hit by revenue loss

The $3 park and ride fee was eliminated at the beginning of April

Calgary Transit has taken a nearly 90 per cent blow to their park and ride revenue after council decided to scrap a $3 fee and implement a reserved system in the lots.

For the first three months of 2011, the $3 fee generated $1.3 million — roughly $433,000 per month, according to Calgary Transit spokesperson Theresa Schroder.

During the month of April when the fee was replaced by a reserved parking system, transit received $45,000.

"We knew that we wouldn't get much starting out with," said Schroder. "Obviously, people aren't sure if (reserved parking) is going to work for them yet."

Ald. Druh Farrell, one of five council members who voted against scrapping the fee, said the $3 was put in place for a reason.

"We were experiencing crime and vandalism, we needed to increase security and there was a cost associated with that," she said. "It's not an option in my view to go back ... we'll have to find that revenue from somewhere and it will likely be from property taxes."

Without a user-based fee in place, Ald. Brian Pincott said all Calgarians are paying for services used by a portion of the city.

"I think it's too early to start changing things but it certainly raises a lot of flags that we've got to be watching," said Pincott, who also voted against losing the $3 fee.

Schroder said interest is increasing and Transit is projecting a 20 per cent increase in reserved stall revenue for May. ● KATIE TURNER

Parking

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Distress call halts pipeline cleanup

A mysterious radio call for help has suspended cleanup operations at the site of the Rainbow pipeline leak east of Peace River, Alta.

A spokesman for Plains Midstream, the pipeline's owner, says the unidentified call came in at about 9:30 a.m. over a radio network used by cleanup workers.

Work has been stopped ever since while supervisors conduct a head count of those on site.

Last Friday, the pipeline sprung a leak of about 4.5 million litres of oil — the largest leak in Alberta in 36 years. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Changes to land-use law pass

The Alberta government has passed amendments to its controversial land-use legislation, but the changes face a rocky road.

Opponents say the changes and even the Alberta Land Stewardship Act itself may be rendered moot given that some of Premier Ed Stelmach's would-be successors say the plan needs to be revisited.

"The real issue is whether the government is actually committed to continuing with the land-use framework," Rachel Notley of the NDP said yesterday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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▶ Homeless people tend to set up illegal camps, like this one, in or around river valleys throughout the city, according to Doug Frizzell of bylaw services.

Tent spotters report success

DOAP team patrols Calgary streets five days a week ◐ Since June 2010, initiative has housed 34 people who were sleeping outside

Collaboration between the city's bylaw services and a street-level outreach program have resulted in fewer homeless camp sites being found in isolated areas of Calgary.

A funding boost from the Calgary Homeless Foundation in June 2010 has allowed bylaw officers and members of the Downtown Outreach Addictions Partnership team to patrol secluded areas of the city to find camps set up by homeless people.

"We're finding over the last few years, really less and less of the rough sleepers out there, and less and less of the camping out there, so it's looking a lot better," said Doug Frizzell of bylaw services. "I'm thrilled with the way it's been going."

Adam Melnyk, outreach manager with DOAP encampment team, attributes the success to the collaborative approach with bylaw services.

Rather than simply issuing a ticket and removing the camp, Melnyk said the team works with those living in the camps to ensure they receive assistance.

"I think it's moving away from the enforcement side," he said, adding they try to find safer housing for people.

Melnyk said they will keep monitoring as more camps may pop up come summer. **KATIE TURNER**

Fewer is better

Tim Richter, president and CEO of the Calgary Homeless Foundation, said the noticeable decrease is a positive thing.

▶ "It's really encouraging to see the frontline guys — bylaw and police — are starting to see a difference."

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News in brief

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▶ Rick Orman

'We have to wake up'

TORIES. Rick Orman says the fledgling Wildrose Alliance poses a very real danger to the governing Tories in the next provincial election.

"Old school is you don't talk about the opposition, but, you know, those days are gone. We have to wake up," Orman said yesterday as he announced his candidacy to replace Premier Ed Stelmach as Tory leader.

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Commissioner steps down

PRIVACY. Frank Work, the province's privacy commissioner since 2002, has decided to step down. Work's term ends at the end of 2011. There is no word on what his next steps will be. METRO

Basement fire in northeast

BLAZE. Fire crews were called to the scene of a northeast basement fire yesterday after the occupants of the home were unsuccessful in dousing the flames.

Around 5:30 a.m., firefighters responded to Huntbourne Hill NE, where they found a male and female who had narrowly escaped the fire.

The male was treated on scene and later transported to hospital by EMS. METRO

Cranston's got a vole problem

Construction has increased vole population **Province won't intervene unless animal poses danger to people**

KATIE TURNER
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KATIE TURNER/METRO

▶ Them pesky voles be burrowing around the yards of Cranston residents in southeast Calgary.

Residents of one of Calgary's southeast neighbourhoods are seeing evidence of a small creature that has taken to tearing up yards.

Voles, a mouse-like rodent, are popping up in many backyards throughout Cranston and Art Johnston, MLA for Calgary-Hays, said he's received at least one complaint of the tiny rodents doing significant damage.

"To tell you the truth, I had to do some background checking because when I got the message, I thought it was mole, not vole. I didn't even know there was such a thing."

Cranston resident Mark Brennan, on the other hand, said he knew right away his yard had been hit by voles.

"When the ground started to thaw is when you could see the tracks," he said, adding about one-quarter of his grass has been dug up. "When they dig, they dig up all the dead grass and you can see the tunnels they've built."

Johnston informed members of the community association board of the issue on Tuesday night but said, from his understanding, little can be done to prevent voles from getting into a yard.

He blames area construction for driving the voles onto people's property.

Vole 101

- According to Health Canada, voles look like house mice but have a rounded muzzle and head, a shorter tail, and a pair of chisel-like incisors.
- In the winter, they travel in tunnels through the snow and search for green plants and seeds.

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DOMESTIC AND ELDER ABUSE

Social programs get $2.1M in funding

Two Calgary organizations will get more cash from the province to help support victims of domestic and elder abuse.

The province announced $2.1 million in funding for the Kerby Centre and the YWCA of Calgary to help them implement new projects in the fight against these social issues.

"Family violence and elder abuse aren't just social problems, they are crimes made worse by where they occur, the sanctuary of the home and family," said Verlyn Olson, minister of justice and attorney general.

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CEPF Online Safety Week contribution gets award

The Calgary Educational Partnership Foundation received the award for Community Organization last Friday for its contribution to Online Safety Week. The ceremony was held at Government House in Edmonton.

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Streaming live from nest

The Calgary Zoo and Enmax have launched their annual look at nesting osprey, via live streaming of action at the nesting pair's summer home. For a literal birds-eye view of the nest over the course of the next few weeks, you can visit: www.enmax.com/Energy/Res/Greenmax/Osprey+Camera/Introduction.htm METRO

Nurses are cool — especially when they save the undead

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▶ Mike Simoens, Nurses Against Zombieism game designer, helps launch the free online game at the U of C yesterday.

Video game launches to celebrate International Nurses Day, today

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They help save lives everyday and now, nurses are lending their healing hands to save zombies.

Tuesday marked the launch of the University of Calgary-Qatar (UCQ) nursing program's new online video game, Nurses Against Zombieism.

"We hope everyone plays and we hope to influence the image of the nurse," said Jenny Conway Fisher, spokeswoman for the UCQ nursing faculty. "Let's make nursing cool."

Conway Fisher is hoping the game will take a bite out of the stereotypes that nurses face.

Global skills

▶ **U of C-Qatar nursing** campus hopes to produce more than 10,000 nurses by 2030.

"We are trying to change that. Nursing is a complicated, interesting and adventurous profession," said Conway Fisher.

The game takes place in a triage unit of the hospital and the player is responsible to get patients care, but some of the patients are zombies and the nurses heal the zombies before they can receive care.

"It is really cool and very creative," said Lara Arnott, second-year nursing student.

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▶ Natives from the Yinka Dene Alliance march through downtown Calgary yesterday protesting Enbridge Pipeline's Northern Gateway project that is planning to cross their land.

Enbridge faces its critics

▶ The $5.5-billion Northern Gateway pipeline would stretch 1,172 kilometres ▶ Much of the line would traverse unceded aboriginal land

Faced with fierce resistance to its proposed Northern Gateway oil pipeline between Alberta and the B.C. coast, Enbridge Inc.'s top executive told shareholders a year ago that he would try to turn the opposition's "no" into a "yes."

At the company's emotionally charged annual meeting held yesterday, several aboriginal groups along the pipeline's route said their answer is still no.

"This is not a negotiation stance," hereditary chief Peter Erickson of the Nak'azdli First Nation told the meeting, which lasted around two hours. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

CBE considers Arabic in schools

On the heels of cutting mandatory French classes, the Calgary Board of Education is now considering Arabic language studies in city schools.

With a growing Arabic-speaking population, a group of parents banded together to petition the CBE for this change and with enough demand the board could move forward.

"We wanted to make second-language learning a choice," said Cathy Faber, CBE superintendant of Learning Innovations.

The news is welcomed by Arabic-speaking Calgarians.

"It's good for the language, and it will help keep the heritage," said Adnan Assaf, a member of Calgary's Arabic community who would enrol his youngest daughter in the program if it existed.

"Having it as a second language can't hurt anyone."

Like all of CBE's bilingual programs, 30 per cent to 50 per cent of classes would be taught in Arabic, with the rest being taught in English. A cultural component would also be included.

The parents are expected to present their case May 19 at Central Memorial High School. The CBE is expected to make a decision thereafter.

Arabic would join four other languages offered by the CBE, including French, Spanish, German and Mandarin. **YASMIN JASWAL**

Animal cruelty charges laid

Charges have been laid in relation to an animal cruelty investigation in the East Coulee area.

John Barry Graham, 54, of Drumheller, Alta., faces several charges after an investigation of a complaint of horses and cattle starving and dying. A search warrant was executed on April 18.

RCMP and SPCA officers found approximately 12 dead cows and horses on the rural property.

About 200 head of cattle and 140 horses were also seized and have been moved to a rural location near Brooks, Alta.

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News in brief

Students offer their skills

PROGRAM. The University of Alberta's Occupational Therapy program will send students to Calgary at the end of May to help clients at the Mustard Seed increase skills and daily activities to lead to a better life.

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Cyclist comes to Calgary

EXPERT. Mia Birk, a cycling expert from Portland, Ore., will be in Calgary today at City Hall Plaza to share her insights and stories as well as her thoughts on the city's cycling routes.

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A man-made flood

Intentional dike breach will save Manitoba homes, officials believe

JAMES TURNER
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With their tidy Manitoba rural home surrounded by sandbags, Penny and Steve Wilson are locked in a worrisome holding pattern of wait-and-see.

Less than a kilometre away, on a road named Hoop and Holler Bend, provincial crews and heavy machines toil.

Helicopters swoop overhead, watching their progress.

Along that road, the flood fighters prepare to cut a hole in a dike holding back the swollen Assiniboine River. The move will intentionally swamp about 150 homes over a 250-square-kilometre area.

"I hate to sound fatalistic, but Mother Nature will do what she wants. We'll just go on living."
STEVE WILSON

It's a drastic measure to relieve pressure on dikes that will save many homes, the province believes.

"We're talking hundreds of thousands of litres of water here," Penny Wilson said. "I don't know how they plan on controlling it or how well that's going to work."

Wilson said she's worried most about area farmers and greenhouses.

"They may lose everything," she said.

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▶ Prime Minister Stephen Harper, second left, with Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger beside him, tours dikes holding back the Assiniboine River in Brandon yesterday.

Mystery as Syria deports Canadian to Iran

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▶ Dorothy Parvaz

A Canadian journalist arrested in Syria has been deported to Iran, says her employer.

But Al-Jazeera news network and 39-year-old Dorothy Parvaz's family in B.C. are anxiously awaiting confirmation of her whereabouts.

Al-Jazeera said Parvaz has been deported from Syria to Iran, where she also has citizenship, and is now being held in Tehran.

The Qatar-based broadcaster added: "We are calling for information from the Iranian authorities, access to Dorothy, and for her immediate release.

"We have had no contact with Dorothy since she left Doha on April 29 and we are deeply concerned for her welfare."

Parvaz's father, Fred, who lives in North Vancouver, said someone from Al-Jazeera contacted the family to tell them Syrian officials sent Dorothy to Iran but that has yet to be confirmed.

"My concern is her safety," said Fred Parvaz.

"As long as she's safe and she's being treated with dignity, I'm OK with it, but I need some information …

"I need somebody to say, yes, we have Dorothy."

He said his daughter has an uncle in Tehran who could see her, if he's given the opportunity and "if she indeed is in Tehran."

Parvaz said it has been a "very intense, very stressful" time for the family.

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The Parvaz file

- **The woman:** A graduate of the University of British Columbia, Dorothy Parvaz joined Al-Jazeera's English-language news network last year.
- **The detention:** She was held April 30 in Syria, where she was to cover anti-government protests.

Voters warm to elusive MP as she visits riding — at last

Elusive NDP rookie Ruth Ellen Brosseau yesterday finally visited the Quebec riding she'll represent in the House of Commons.

While she struggled a bit with the local language, she appeared to be making new friends.

"Everyone is very nice," Brosseau said in passable French. "I'm very excited." Then, she added in English: "I'm very happy to be here."

"She has an accent, but at least she speaks French."
RESIDENT DANIEL RINGUETTE

Brosseau triumphed in the federal election despite living 300 kilometres away and working at a pub in Ontario.

She vacationed in Las Vegas during the election, had never set foot in her constituency, and supposedly didn't speak much French.

The perpetually smiling MP appeared to have won over a few people in Louiseville. One truck honked as it passed her on the main drag.

"She speaks French so well, it's surprising,'' said Louiseville mayor Guy Richard.

"I think we will have a very good MP."

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▶ A man sells a new newspaper called Barmek in Benghazi, Libya, yesterday. More than 26 newspapers were created in Benghazi after rebels took control of the city on Feb. 17.

Libyan rebels claim to be gaining ground

Polish foreign minister visits opposition National Transitional Council in eastern city of Benghazi

Pressing to break a two-month siege, rebels in the port city of Misrata said yesterday they captured the local airport and pushed Moammar Gadhafi's forces further from the city's western outskirts.

The reported advances were the latest in a recent flurry of accounts of rebel victories, coinciding with intensified NATO air strikes on Gadhafi's forces in several areas of Libya.

NATO said yesterday the alliance has carried out more than 2,400 air strikes since March 31 as part of the effort to assist the rebels and pressure Gadhafi to end his 42-year authoritarian rule.

1,000

Doctors in Misrata, the only rebel stronghold in the west, say more than 1,000 residents have been killed in the fighting and shelling during the siege by Gadhafi's forces.

According to the Libyan state news agency, JANA, the North Korean Embassy in the capital, Tripoli, was damaged in a recent strike.

Even though some of the recent reports of ground combat are difficult to confirm, they seem to represent a boost for the rebels' military prospects after weeks of stalemate on several fronts.

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Search continues for missing B.C. man

RCMP/THE CANADIAN PRESS

▶ Albert Chretien

A B.C. woman who survived 49 days in the Nevada wilderness is doing well physically as she recovers from her ordeal at a hospital in her hometown.

The Interior Health Authority said yesterday that Rita Chretien is in relatively good spirits after being transferred to Penticton, B.C., from a hospital in Twin Falls, Idaho.

"According to Mrs. Chretien's physician, she is doing well physically and is in relatively good spirits in light of what she's been through. She is eating small meals and is tolerating an advancing diet," the authority said in a statement.

But the search continued for her husband, Albert Chretien, who remained missing five days after his wife was rescued.

The couple became stranded March 19 on a road near the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, en route to Las Vegas. Albert Chretien set out on foot three days after their vehicle became mired in mud on the remote road and hasn't been seen since.

In a recording of the 911 call after Rita Chretien was found, a clearly incredulous Elko County law enforcement dispatcher expresses shock and disbelief that she had survived.

"She's been in it for a month?" the dispatcher asked when hunters called after finding the 56-year-old woman.

Rita Chretien survived on a spoonful of trail mix a day until that ran out, some hard candy, fish oil pills and water from melted snow and a nearby stream.

Rescue teams were on the ground and in the air yesterday after days of on-again-off-again searching due to bad weather.

RCMP Cpl. Dan Moskaluk said searchers were working backwards from the location Albert Chretien was headed, towards where the couple's van was stranded.

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Locals call roadways unsafe

Locals living near the service road where Rita and Albert Chretien became stuck described it as "nasty" during the winter.

At about 6,000 feet in a narrow valley surrounded by bulbous, snowcapped mountains, this tiny northeastern Nevada town sits roughly two hours from anywhere, in the middle of nowhere.

It's that remoteness and grandeur that apparently drew the Chretiens to the area around Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest as they made their way from Canada to Las Vegas.

"Them mountains are nasty, some of the gnarliest mountains you ever seen," said Bill Landon, one of only about 20 year-round residents in town. "The mud up there is something terrible. You sink up to your knees in it. When it rains back there, those roads turn to plum mush."

Locals like Landon, who know these mountains well and know they can swallow a man without a trace, don't venture into the backcountry in winter, which can sometimes last to April, even May.

"It's no place to be," said Mel Basanez, a 74-year-old resident.

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Deadliest tremors in 50 years hit Spain

Spain has about 2,500 earthquakes a year, says the National Geographic Institute Only a few are noticed

Two earthquakes struck southeast Spain in quick succession yesterday, killing at least 10 people, injuring dozens and causing major damage to buildings, officials said. It was the highest quake-related death toll in Spain in more than 50 years.

The epicenter of the quakes — with magnitudes of 4.4 and 5.2 — was close to the town of Lorca, and the second came about two hours later, an official with the Murcia regional government said.

The Murcia regional government said about 270 patients at a hospital were being evacuated after the building sustained minor damage. Dozens of injured people were being treated at the scene and a field hospital was set up.

The Spanish prime minister's office put the death toll at 10 and the Murcia administration said the deaths included a minor.

Large chunks of stone and brick fell from the facade of a church in Lorca as a reporter for Spanish state TV was broadcasting live from the scene. Spanish TV showed images of cars partially crushed by falling rubble and large cracks in buildings.

22 More than 22 earthquakes struck Spain yesterday, but two in quick succession proved deadly.

This was the deadliest quake in Spain since 1956, when 12 people died and some 70 were injured in the southern Granada region, according to the National Geographic Institute.

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Mona Lisa. Smile

▶ Archeologists excavate in underground tombs of the Convent of St. Ursula, in Florence, Italy, on May 11. They are looking for the remains of Renaissance woman Lisa Gherardini, believed to have posed for Leonardo Da Vinci's painting Mona Lisa.

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Da Vinci's muse found?

Researchers hope to identify bones belonging Lisa Gherardini. If skull fragments are found, they may conduct a facial reconstruction to see if the features match.

Bin Laden urging small city attacks, letters find

Osama bin Laden kept pressing followers to find new ways to hit the U.S. while he was in hiding and his terror group was becoming fragmented, officials say, citing his journal and other documents found in last week's raid.

Strike smaller cities, bin Laden suggested. Target trains as well as planes. Above all, kill as many Americans as possible in a single attack.

Though he was out of the public eye and al-Qaida seemed to be weakening, bin Laden never yielded control. His handwritten journal and collection of computer files reveal his involvement in every recent major al-Qaida threat, including plots in Europe last year.

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Tabloid pics of Kate's baby sis stirs debate

As Prince William and Kate Middleton honeymoon in a secluded spot, the paparazzi who stalk them are back in the spotlight.

There's a brewing legal battle over publication of five-year-old photographs of bridesmaid Pippa Middleton sunbathing topless, and anger about gruesome photographs of the late Princess Diana in the moments after her 1997 car crash appearing in a documentary about her death.

The publication of the Pippa pictures — showing the 27-year-old on a powerboat with older sister Kate, who is wearing a revealing bikini, along with William in a red and white bathing suit — prompted the Middleton family to file a formal petition to Britain's independent Press Complaints Commission.

That complaint is seen as the first salvo in what is expected to be a conflict between the monarchy and the press as both sides try to establish boundaries in a new royal era defined by William and Middleton, now the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, and their determination to live a normal life. The Middleton family's complaint cites four British tabloids.

PASCAL LE SEGRETAIN/GETTY IMAGES

▶ Pippa Middleton attends the wedding of her sister Kate Middleton to Prince William in London on April 29.

The prince and his bride jetted off this week to a secret honeymoon spot that royal watchers believe was chosen specifically to keep them out of the lenses of the paparazzi.

"That and security would have been of primary importance," said Joe Little, managing editor of Majesty magazine. "We've known for a long time William would not stand for any nonsense regarding his new wife and her family."

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Cannibal suspect arrested

A would-be cannibal was arrested and in critical condition after being wounded in a gunfire with police during an undercover operation in Slovakia, officials said yesterday.

The 43-year-old suspect used the Internet to find a suicidal person who would agree to let him eat the body, police said. A Swiss citizen agreed but later changed his mind and informed authorities.

An undercover officer pretending he was the victim arrived in the eastern town of Kysak to meet the suspect, who opened fire seven times, striking an officer who remains in hospital in serious condition.

TA3 television said the suspect, a father of two young daughters, lived in a nearby village of Sokol. Interior Minister Daniel Lipsic said he declined to say where he was from or further details.

Slovak authorities said the suspect agreed on a plan with the would-be victim to intoxicate him and then stab him in the heart with a knife in nearby woods. After that, he wanted to cut the body into pieces and gradually take them to his home to eat them.

Following a search of the suspect's home, Baloghova said the evidence gathered "indicates he wanted to commit the crime."

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DELIVERING THE GOODS

Canadian exports surge

Canada's trade surplus almost doubled in March, suggesting the strong loonie may not be as much of a drag on exports as feared. Statistics Canada said the value of exports outpaced imports by $627 million, up from a $356-million surplus in February.

In volume terms, exports have risen 12.4 per cent in the first three months of 2011, after a 16 per cent surge in the final quarter of last year, despite the persistent strength in the loonie.

"The high-flying Canadian dollar doesn't appear to be dampening enthusiasm for Canadian exports," said economist Benjamin Reitzes of BMO Capital Markets. "Overall, the rebound in international trade is very encouraging."

The trend bodes well for the economy and suggests firms are still able to sell to the rest of the world in a high-loonie context. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

TSX	Dollar	Oil	Natural gas 1,000 cu ft	Gold
– 222.32 13,419.74	– 0.37 (104.05¢ US)	– $5.67 US ($98.21 US)	$4.241 US (– 6.2¢ US)	$1,501.40 US (– $15.50 US)

Is price relief coming to the pumps?

Barring disaster, we should see prices fall over the summer: Analysts

Gas prices could take a smaller bite from drivers' wallets today as volatile oil prices fall, but any lasting relief could take months to trickle down to the pump, energy analysts say.

Industry watcher Tomorrow's Gas Price Today predicted a price drop of six cents a litre overnight after Wednesday trading saw the price of crude oil to tumble to $98.21 US a barrel.

But short-term fluctuations in crude prices don't tend to have an impact on long-term retail fuel costs, and it will take a more prolonged drop to staunch the drain on pocketbooks, analysts said yesterday.

One reason pump prices are out of whack with crude oil is the effect of the "crack spread" — the profit margin made by refiners transforming crude into fuel for cars. While oil prices are driven by the ability to pull crude out of the ground and global energy demand, refiners try to gauge how demand for their product will be affected by factors such as weather, seasonal driving and refinery capacity. Then they set what they will charge retailers based on that demand forecast.

"It's a supply and demand thing. As inventories get drawn down and players need to make up their inventories, prices tend to get bid up," said Jason Parent, a senior partner at energy consultancy the Kent Group.

The crack spread should lessen in the months ahead, and gasoline prices should diminish over the summer, Parent projected. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Ouch! Make it stop! Gas prices in Toronto hit a record $1.41.1 a litre yesterday.

Swiss cheesed about online Street View privacy software

Google is threatening to wipe photographs of streets and houses in Switzerland from its online maps unless the country's Supreme Court overturns a ruling requiring an absolute guarantee of anonymity for people captured by the popular Street View service.

The ruling last month by the Federal Administrative Court in Bern ordered Google to obscure identifying features such as skin colour and clothing from people photographed in the vicinity of "sensitive establishments," such as women's shelters, prisons, schools, courts and hospitals.

The court was responding to a complaint filed by Switzerland's data protection commissioner, Hanspeter Thuer, after he determined that Google's automatic face-blurring software wasn't 100 per cent accurate.

Google, which has its headquarters based in Mountain View, Calif., claims the software has an accuracy rate of 99 per cent. But with some 212 million Street View images viewed in Switzerland since the launch of the service, the error margin runs in the millions.

During a court hearing in February, Thuer used a live version of Street View to demonstrate examples where the software failed to obscure faces of adults and children in public — including outside the court — and even inside private homes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Riding high: Google Street View captures the Matterhorn in Zermatt, Switzerland, in a publicity drive this year.

Public exposure

- **If Google goes through** with its threat, it would be the first time the company has permanently switched off Street View.
- **Last year, it bowed to** demands in Germany for users to be able to blur entire houses. In March Google was fined $136,400 in France because its cars illegally collected personal data from Wi-Fi networks.

JUMPIN' FUEL PRICES: IT'S NOT A GAS, GAS, GAS

HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE
METRO

When gas prices rise, us media types say motorists "got a shock at the pumps," which is silly.

A shock would be if prices plummeted, or if I noticed the Old Spice guy in the next car. On the surprise meter, rising gas prices is between violence in the Middle East and Lindsay Lohan falling off the wagon.

Gas prices rise every summer. They have already skyrocketed in central Canada, and if the rest of you think you're immune I've got a used SUV for sale. Not only can I guarantee you at least one headline in your local paper that says, "Motorists steamed over gas prices" based on a scientific survey of three people filling up, but I'm pretty sure this year we'll finally see the story, "Full gas tank to become status symbol."

Gas prices provoke a lot of questions from motorists ("Are you @*#%$*~ kidding me?") but as a journalist who has covered this story every year for a decade, I have all the answers.

"On the surprise meter, rising gas prices is between violence in the Middle East and Lindsay Lohan falling off the wagon."

Q: Why are gas prices so high?

A: Gas prices rise whenever there is a change in the "world situation." When the world stops changing its situation, gas prices will stop rising.

Q: Where does the money go?

A: It's important to realize that only a small percentage of the money you pay goes toward gas. A breakdown:

- 33 per cent: Solar-Powered Car Company assassination fund
- 33 per cent: The middleman
- 33 per cent: Taxes used to investigate and regulate gas prices

That leaves one per cent for the oil companies, which is why they need government help to stay afloat. Check the web to see where you can donate.

Q: What role does speculation play?

A: It's important. For instance, speculators might note that the Atlantic contains a lot of moisture, which could eventually form a low-pressure system that could strike Barack Obama with a bolt of lightning, causing Iran to strike in America's moment of weakness. If speculators were to imagine this scenario, they would have no choice but to force gas prices higher until the end of the imaginary war.

Q: What are the long-term effects of price increases?

A: Young drivers with large vehicles are looking at the legacy their parents have left them and coming to the same conclusion: No kids, ever.

As you can see, not much can be done about gas prices. That might seem glib, but I'm actually bringing journalistic objectivity to bear: I've never owned a car. I can talk the talk because I walk the walk, whether I want to or not.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

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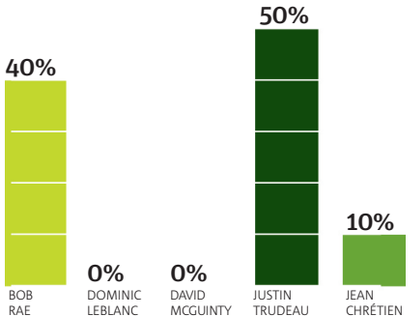
Who should lead the federal Liberal party?



Local tweets

- **@ShaniAhmad:** @nenshi 1st nice day of summer should be a stat holiday. #justsayin' #yyc
- **@purplewitchyyc:** Outside in the #yyc sunshine again reading patricia telesco while spawn fights with his 5 yr old g/f lol
- **@JayAClarke:** 19 degree in #yyc, oh yeah, fantastic.
- **@brie_elise:** Aw man. #yyc band — Raleigh was robbed right before their tour. Send all positive encouragement/help to raleigh.music@hotmail.com
- **@Gord_Gillies:** Not knockin' my pals at 660, but they just tweeted EMS "heat tips" cuz we'll hit the 20s this week. How sad is that!! #yyc #ready4realheat
- **@melliemay:** Just had an amazing lunch at Catch ... how have I never been there before??? #yyc
- **@twneubauer:** Just bought my tickets for the Switchfoot concert. Missed them last time they came through #yyc. Not this time baby! Bring it on May 26th.
- **@cyberqt:** I think it should be International Beer on a Patio day. It's a stat! #yyc

Worth mentioning

TORONTO. A survey suggests Canadian web users may not want to pay for news, but they still trust content from the mainstream media over other sources.

The latest report from the Canadian Media Research Consortium states that about 90 per cent of wired Canadians consider the information they get from newspapers, television, radio and online news sites to be reliable. The percentages were a few points lower among those aged 18 to 34.

Only 26 per cent believed information from social networks is reliable — although the trust rating jumped to 40 per cent among daily social media users — and 65 per cent said they thought news from family and friends was reliable.

When it comes to citizen journalism, news published online by non-professionals, most believed it was best left to traditional reporters. Only 20 per cent believed citizen journalism could provide regular coverage of government, 21 per cent believed it could expose abuses of power and 23 per cent believed it could provide analysis of important events.

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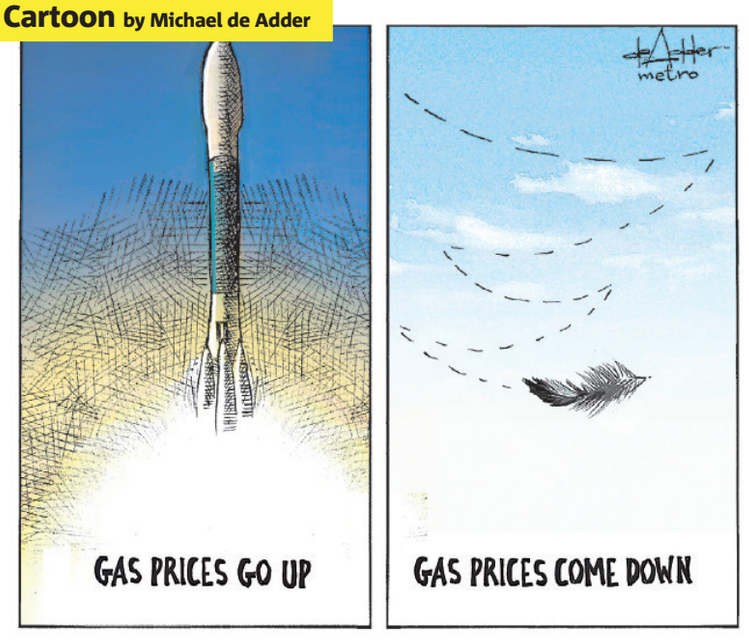

WEIRD NEWS

Mayor McCheese return address gave it away

If you get a letter from Britain's No. 10 Downing Street, don't bother with a personalized response. The person who signed it probably used a fake name.

Downing Street says that, for years, staff at the British prime minister's office have been using bogus names in their correspondence with members of the public.

It says that use of pseudonyms was introduced in 2005, after an official was tracked down by a constituent she had been in contact with and threatened at her home address.

But the practice didn't come to light until yesterday, when the country's Channel 4 News exposed one such official as being imaginary. Downing Street said it was now looking in to an alternative to using pseudonyms in its letters to the public.

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Britney in ink

Britney Spears is the subject of a new one-shot comic book courtesy of Bluewater Productions Inc.'s ongoing Fame series that has seen it profile other celebrities, including Lady Gaga and actors Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart, among others.
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For a good cause

Big Brothers Big Sisters looking for touchdown at Henry Burris Weekend

BACKSTAGE PASS

JENNIFER LARAWAY
METRO CALGARY

Time is ticking down.

It's all going to come down to these last final plays.

No, I'm not talking about the Calgary Stampeders making a move for a championship.

I'm talking about the hard-working divalicious all-girl marketing team at Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Calgary and Area.

May 13 and 14 is the most important fundraiser for the organization: The Henry Burris All-Star Weekend.

They have a six-figure fundraising goal in their sights — the lucrative live and silent auctions are looking to fetch at least $45,000 on their own.

One item that is commanding the spotlight is a Calgary Flames ladies night where eight lucky women will be escorted around the Scotiabank Saddledome.

This one-time opportunity includes getting on the bench and a peak into the dressing room.

For those of you who want the chance to bid, you'll have to hurry and buy a ticket to the gala as Lorna Carlson, BBBS Calgary director of resource development, says it's nearly sold out.

"This isn't your typical black tie fundraiser," Carlson notes.

"It brings together people who love sports and understand the value of mentoring."

Tickets are $125 each or $900 for a table of eight.

All the proceeds go directly into mentoring programs, which can make a significant contribution to a young person's life.

In fact, it's that kind of impact that drew Henry Burris to the organization.

After a moving conversation with Tony Casillas, then a defensive lineman with the Dallas Cowboys, Burris devoted a great deal of time as a volunteer with BBBS organizations all over North America.

Over the years, he has seen it really does take a village to raise a child.

That village is now Calgary and not many Calgarians know most of the organization's year-to-year funding relies on the generosity of private and corporate donations.

This weekend, show your support by attending one of the events or making a donation online at bbbscalgary.com.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF CALGARY AND AREA

▶ Calgary Stampeder Henry Burris, right, and Warren Moon work the room at the 2010 Endzone Experience for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Go wild at the zoo with Deaf and Hard of Hearing celebration

You're never too old to throw your birthday party at the Calgary Zoo and that's exactly what the Deaf & Hard of Hearing Society's (DHHS) is doing this Sunday.

They are celebrating 50 years with a free event from 1 to 4 p.m.

Even though admission is complimentary, you still need to reserve your tickets by calling the society at 403-284-6200 (TTY: 403/284-6201).

This family-friendly event includes lots of activities but there's also an important awareness campaign component.

Executive Director Christina Smith says more and more young people are being affected by hearing loss, especially with the use of gadgets that have ear buds.

In fact, the organization reports hearing loss affects nearly 23 per cent of Canadian adults or 600,000 Albertans.

For more information on the event, go to dhhs.ca.

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▶ Lady Gaga.

Gaga over FarmVille

Singer debuting songs from her new album on popular online game

Lady Gaga is turning to an unusual method to cultivate her fan base: The pop icon is releasing songs from her new album on a section of the popular online game FarmVille before they can be heard anywhere else.

The singer, known for her outrageous styles will allow singles from Born This Way (due out May 23) to be heard within a specially-created farm, called GagaVille, in the game. Players will have to complete tasks to hear one exclusive new track per day streamed online from May 17 to 19. Starting on May 20, players will be also able to unlock additional songs that aren't exclusive.

FarmVille is one of the most popular games on Facebook, played by about 46 million people worldwide and makes money by players buying game pieces. The parties wouldn't disclose any financial terms, or even comment on whether money was being exchanged.

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A missing member

Beastie Boys releasing new album as Adam Yaunch deals with cancer

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▶ Adam "Ad-Rock" Horovitz, Adam "MCA" Yauch, and Michael "Mike D" Diamond.

It's been 25 years since the Beastie Boys released Licensed to Ill and proved three bratty Jewish guys from New York could deliver hip-hop as deliciously as Run-D.M.C. Despite grey hair for Adam "Ad-Rock" Horowitz, fatherhood for Michael "Mike D" Diamond and cancer for Adam "MCA" Yauch, the group is as goofy as ever, as evidenced by the old-school flavour on their new album, Hot Sauce Committee Part Two.

Yauch, who discovered he had cancer of the salivary gland in 2009, is notably absent. He's still undergoing treatment.

"It's hard that he's not here, but it;d be harder for him to be here," Diamond says.

Yauch's condition has put the tight-knit group's near future in limbo.

"It is what is," Horowitz says. "You deal with it. He's getting treatment. That's the most important thing. We've been friends since 1980. All of this doesn't matter. If we go on tour, we go on tour. If don't go, we don't go. We'll figure it out. Yauch getting better is the most important thing right now."

The Beastie Boys' first lyrical effort in seven years — 2007s The Mix Up was an instrumental affair — is a return to the group's signature roots of uncomplicated beats and clever rhymes.

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For tour info:

▶ **Site** beastieboys.com

Going with a bang

Regis exits from show that has never won an Emmy

Regis Philbin and ABC's exiting soap operas have multiple opportunities to go out as winners at the Daytime Emmy Awards.

All My Children earned 13 Emmy nods and One Life to Live had 12, in nominations announced yesterday for the June 19 awards show.

ABC has cancelled the durable soap operas, each on the air for more than 40 years, and their final episodes will be in the coming months.

Philbin has said that later this year he is leaving the talk show built around him, first with co-host Kathie Lee Gifford and now with Kelly Ripa.

His show has never won a Daytime Emmy for best talk show.

Philbin was nominated for best talk-show host, an award he shared once a decade ago with Rosie O'Donnell.

He also won a Daytime Emmy for best game show host when Who Wants to Be a Millionaire was at its apex.

General Hospital led the way with 21 Daytime Emmy nominations, followed by The Young and the Restless with 20 and Sesame Street with 16.

The awards will be distributed at the Las Vegas Hilton, televised by CBS.

All My Children was nominated for best daytime drama, along with General Hospital, The Young and the Restless and The Bold and the Beautiful.

Two All My Children cast members, Alicia Minshew and Debbi Morgan, were nominated for best actress in a daytime drama. Other nominees were Colleen Zenk of As the World Turns, Susan Flannery of The Bold and the Beautiful, Laura Wright of General Hospital and Michelle Stafford of The Young and the Restless.

Best actor nominees for soap operas were Ricky Paull Goldin of All My Children, Michael Park of As the World Turns, James Scott of Days of Our Lives, Maurice Benard of General Hospital and Christian Le Blanc of The Young and the Restless.

The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences said it was giving lifetime achievement awards to game show hosts Alex Trebek of Jeopardy! and Pat Sajak of Wheel of Fortune. Neither man was nominated for best game show host this year, although both entered the competition.

Instead, Ben Bailey of Discovery's Cash Cab has the chance for a second straight win in the category. Other nominees include Wayne Brady of Let's Make a Deal, who will host the Daytime Emmy ceremony.

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▶ Regis Philbin.

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▶ Adrianna Leon, left and Tyler Christopher star in General Hospital.

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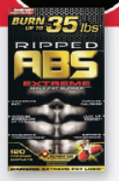

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Schwarzenegger: one day at a time

Grateful for friends after split from Shriver

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Arnold Schwarzenegger has spoken out for the first time about his separation from Maria Shriver this week. "We both love each other very much. And we're taking it one day at a time," the former California governor says, according to Hollyscoop.

"I just spoke to Maria an hour ago before I came here. We both were saying the same thing — we're extremely blessed to be surrounded by so many wonderful people, by so many wonderful friends."

Shriver has reportedly been living at the Beverly Hills hotel for months and stopped wearing her wedding ring in March, while Schwarzenegger was spotted biking with his son Tuesday sans ring.

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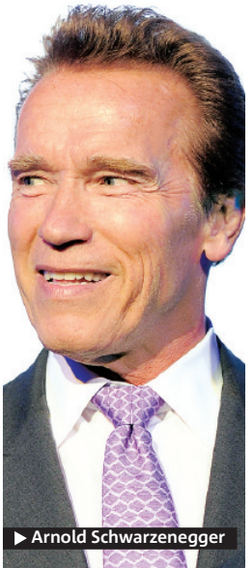
▶ Arnold Schwarzenegger

▶ Maria Shriver

▶ Paul McCartney

Sir Paul: hopeful romantic

Paul McCartney is reportedly heading into his marriage to Nancy Shevell with no prenuptial agreement, according to Popeater. "His friends and business advisers think he's crazy after what happened with his ex, but Paul is insisting Nancy is no Heather," a source says. "There's no need to make marriage a business arrangement."

But the Daily Mail reports that, while there's no traditional prenup, the former Beatle did have a single-page agreement drawn up stating that, should the marriage sour, Shevell won't go after McCartney's children's trust funds. METRO

Celebrity tweets

@PSchwarzenegger

Appreciate all your messages. Small speed bump In life, luckily we own hummers, we will cruise right over it. All will be okay.

@AlbertBrooks

Just about to go on David Letterman. Saving anything funny now for the show...

@JessicaSimpson

My God-son just said that God is little and big... If he only knew how profound that statement is...

@JonahHill

You know you're in New Orleans when you see a grandfather spill his entire Jack on the rocks in his 4 year old granddaughter's face at 11am.

Sarah admits that wedding snub hurt

Sarah Ferguson admits not being invited to the recent Royal Wedding was "so difficult" for her. "I went through the phase of feeling so totally worthless and that [it] was quite right they didn't invite me.

"Why would they?" she tells Oprah Winfrey during an interview. "The last bride up that aisle was me."

So when it came time for the big day, Ferguson wasn't in London. "I chose to go and be in Thailand in a place called Camelia," she says. "The jungle embraced me." METRO

▶ Sarah Ferguson

Jewelry leads to bracelet?

Lindsay Lohan likely won't be spending any time in jail for stealing a necklace from a jewelry store.

Between overcrowding issues in L.A. jails and time off for good behaviour, Lohan's 120-day jail sentence is expected to actually be 14 days, according to TMZ.

And with a no-contest plea, Lohan will most likely spend the two weeks at home with an electronic monitoring bracelet, rather than behind bars. METRO

▶ Lindsay Lohan

New hire is close to Holmes

Katie Holmes didn't have to look far for a new apprentice: step-daughter Bella Cruise has taken on the role for Holmes' burgeoning clothing line, Holmes & Yang, Tom Cruise tells People magazine. "Kate's designing and [Bella] is just working her way up," the proud father says. "She's an artist, Bella, so it's really great that she gets to work with it. She's loving it." METRO

HE WEARS, SHE WEARS

Fashion is increasingly blurring the lines between women's and men's wear. But in real-life the sexes are still divided when it comes to what looks good on whom

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It's hard to pinpoint exactly when the gender-bending undercurrent began to flow through fashion. Whether it's Coco Chanel lounging around in men's pyjamas or Yves Saint Laurent designing his famous Le Smoking tuxedo for women, mannish looks on women have never really gone out of style.

But in the past two years, androgyny has become increasingly trendy. Just when you think it's about to die down, it surges back up again, starting with the boyfriend jacket and jean phenomenon that swept 2008 and moving on through to fashion's current obsession with suiting and tailoring. Meanwhile, H&M has gone unisex for its new Fashion Against AIDS collection, which hit stores last week, and CK One now includes jeans and underwear for both men and women. On the high fashion front, designer Rad Hourani continues to earn buzz — and critical acclaim — for his genderless collection of separates.

Factor in the fact that designers are increasingly showing more continuity between their men's and women's collections with some looks practically mirroring each other and you have a full-on moment.

But are the personal style sensibilities of women and men really merging off the runway? Ask any woman what her boyfriend prefers to see her in, and nine times out of 10, she'll say a t-shirt and jeans, not the elaborate looks she's bookmarked on her favourite street style blogs.

▶ The Misshapes modeling unisex looks from H&M's latest.

The Battle of the Sexes

EMILY ANNE EPSTEIN

▶ Paul Kodila, radio producer
▶ Alexis Tirado, writer

RICHARD PECKETT

▶ Max Vitiello, gardener
▶ Laura Milne, voice-over agent

Two couples on opposite sides of the Atlantic rate the spring trends on a scale of one to 10.

'70s shorts for men

Paul: "Every year I watch people go to the US Open dressed like Roger Federer is going to hand them a racquet. Tennis apparel should stay on the tennis court." **1**

Alexis: "Love this! It's a fresh and fun twist on summer shorts for men." **9**

Mandals

Paul: "There are three people who could wear the mandal: Moses, Caesar and Jesus." **0**

Alexis: "I agree. This is the worst trend since Uggs." **0**

Max: "I've got a pair of Birkenstocks and I when put them on recently, and I thought, 'I look like an old mathematics teacher." **4**

Laura: "They're a bit feminine, basically like a gladiator women's shoe. I'm going to rock this look soon and I don't want to see a guy wearing the same sandals as me." **2**

Flares for women

Paul: "I'm a shoe guy and it's like buying a Ferrari and putting a cover over it." **2**

Max: "I think they look silly. I'm a fan of skinny jeans because I like the natural shape of legs." **6**

Fruit dresses for women

Laura: "I think it's fun and I do like it but I've tried to steer away from this look because I used to dress like this as a kid." **8**

Max: "I don't know, not such a fan. It looks like my Mum's tabletop in 1974, which was still there in 1988." **5**

RICHARD PECKETT AND TINA CHADHA

3 life

A go or no?

If your partner doesn't like an outfit do you stop wearing it?

- **Paul:** "Yes. When it comes to my wardrobe, she's the boss!"
- **Alexis:** "No. He hates this jacket and I still wear it!"
- **Max:** "If she hated something I would stop wearing it."
- **Laura:** "NO! I'm stubborn. He'd have to learn to like it."

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Creative director MacGibbon exits Chloe fashion house; replaced by Pringle designer

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This season, men's trunks and board shorts are all about flamboyance in loud floral prints, bold colours or short, body-hugging shapes Wear them with confidence and don't be afraid to take a fashionable plunge

KITSUNE

$224, oki-ni.com
Swagger along the beach in blood red, alpha male boxer shorts like this pair from Kitsune and imagine you're The Hoff.

ASOS

$39, asos.com
Candy stripes are a bit of a classic when it comes to men's summer staples. But they take a scandalous turn when on a pair of super short swimmers.

JW ANDERSON

$80, topman.com
Get your beach prowl on in these leopard print swim shorts from Britain's new talent to watch JW Anderson.

MARC BY MARC JACOBS

$206, my-wardrobe.com
The height of camp, these fun trunks are perfect if you're blessed with the body and sex appeal to match.

PAUL SMITH

$139, paulsmith.com
Add a little Hawaiian flavour to your vacation wardrobe by experimenting with the season's ubiquitous 1970s floral trend.

H&M

$33, hm.com
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SUNDEK

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The bold green on this short, skimpy style grabs the eye. But, wait, there's more. Rainbow stripes on the back frame the bum just so.

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The big night is approaching but your wallet is looking waify Get a look that won't break the bank and will survive well beyond the last dance

Pinching pennies at the prom

Prom continues to reign as a hotly anticipated highlight on the student calendar, but the year-end rite of passage can often be a costly undertaking for teens and their parents.

But students seeking to stand out in red carpet-worthy attire don't necessarily need to tap out their savings to look the part. Teens can assemble ensembles that are fashionable and affordable – and won't be mothballed when the night is over.

▶ Winners Gold Brocade Dress $59.99

"If you're looking for a dress and working on a budget it's important to get a dress that you should be able to have some longevity with, something that's simple – a simple shape in style and design," said Winners spokeswoman Colleen Uncao.

An inexpensive way to make your dress look more expensive is to have it tailored, she said.

"The fit is so important to making the dress (look) like it's made for you."

It's key to dress for your body, colouring and personality style, said wardrobe stylist and image consultant Joan Cordoba, owner of Styled Closets.

"When in doubt, go A-line. That's probably the most flattering silhouette for pretty much any body type," she said.

Costume jewelry like statement earrings, necklaces or a big ring can kick your outfit up a notch, she said. Hair can also be a style canvas, accessorized with jewelled combs, barrettes or flowers.

▶ Winners Woven Fedora, $14.99

Among the hot handbags for spring is the clutch purse. Uncao suggests opting for a smaller version studded with rhinestones or an oversized envelope clutch.

For boys seeking an accessory, a topper may do the trick. Uncao said a woven fedora worn with a suit is a fun add-on.

And boys are no longer restricted to oxfords or brogues for more formal footwear. Robert Downey Jr. and Justin Bieber are among the notable names who have appeared at red-carpet events in their runners.

For those opting for the rubber-soled route, Uncao said they should go for a new clean pair of sneakers in satin or leather and choose a bright hue like red or purple for a pop of colour.

▶ Winners Leather Sneaker, $79.99

"You're not going to be wearing your gym shoes," said Uncao. "That would be a faux pas."

For those with limited funds, seeking an inexpensive dress or repurposing a garment from their own wardrobe may be the lone option. But teens with more wiggle room in their budget could invest in a classic outfit with a potentially longer shelf life.

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Online hotspots

- Styled Closets: styledclosets.com
- Winners: winners.ca
- Yorkdale Fashion - The Prom Bloggers: yorkdale.com/blog/?src

D.I.Y. Beauty

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The Kit readers are big on sharing their beauty tips! Here is a small sampling:

• For tired eyes, add a little white eyeshadow in the corner of the eyes by the tear duct.
—Tina Monument

• My secret is Colora Henna, an all-natural henna-based hair colouring product [find it at well.ca]. It makes my hair thicker and softer, too. Highly recommended if you want to add body and brightness.
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▶ Country decor has gotten a bad rap over the years, but new trends and ideas are giving new life to country style.

Although the most popular style of decorating, country decor has gotten a bit of a bad rap over the past 20 years. The frilly looks of lace curtains, duck or cow wallpaper borders and the pickled-pine furniture may have been over-used just a wee bit.

There's a new country trend emerging. It's a cleaner-lined no-fuss style that offers a calm and relaxing atmosphere appealing to those that want a casual, yet chic place to live. The colours are updated neutrals like grey, white and taupe with pops of strong colour for sharp surprises. Here's how to get the look.

Flooring

Keep floors dramatic with light or dark options. Painting old wooden floors is a great way to get a bright clean look. Choose a high-gloss white or pale grey paint colour for a smooth, shiny surface that almost looks like plastic. The lighter the colour the more light you will bounce around your space making it feel brighter. If carpeting is your thing then have fun with inexpensive carpet tiles and create a modern checkerboard with carpet squares; a great option for a family room or child's play area that is attractive and eco-friendly.

Paint colours

White, pale grey and soft blue are great colours to keep a room feeling bright and fresh. Consider painting one wall in the room a punchy or dramatic colour to draw attention to the room's focal point such as behind a headboard in a bedroom or the television in the living area.

Furniture styles

There are two extreme looks that seem to compliment each other quite well for the country look. Ornate and fancy traditional furniture that is simplified by a dramatic stain or paint colour, and then an elle-natural wood finish with a soft grey patina. Painting an old colonial china cabinet with a bright, glossy coral red will add punch to the room and make an old furniture piece look hip again.

For a natural look, simply have an old piece of furniture sanded down to the natural wood and then wax it to a soft polish. You'll take an ornate furniture piece and give it a more casual feel.

Lighting

Industrial or outdoor style lighting like hanging barn pendants and gooseneck wall sconces will add a raw country style to a room.

You can now find reproductions to help cast an edginess of light to your space at places like Home Depot and other large home stores. Just visit the outdoor lighting section rather than the indoor section.

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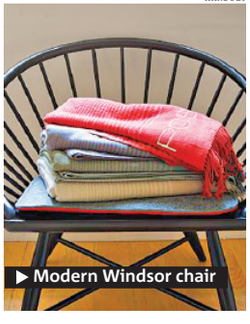

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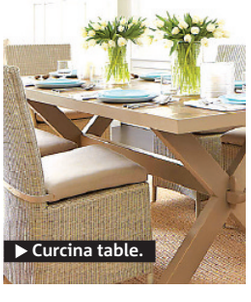

▶ Curcina table.

Outdoor heaters a great way to extend patio season

As Canadians, we look forward to patio season and whether we're grilling, entertaining or kicking back in a lounge chair, the season is never long enough.

By introducing outdoor heating you can extend the use of your deck, patio or dining area to include spring, summer and fall.

No wonder patio heaters have become a must–have accessory in many backyards. Available in a number of forms, there is a patio heater for almost any outdoor space, large or small:

Stand it

Appropriate for a deck or patio with a larger sitting area, free–standing units spread warmth evenly to a broader area.

Available in a variety of finishes, free–standing heaters come in both natural gas and propane formats.

Move it

Lightweight and portable, table–top heaters can be moved from table to sitting area. Look for safety features such as an automatic shut off, tip over protection system and safety grill guard.

Hang it

Enjoy evenings in your gazebo or pergola with the addition of a hanging heater. Look for one that uses infrared technology to ensure it is not affected by the wind.

In addition to offering warmth on cool evenings, it also provides beautiful ambient lighting. Many gazebos and pergolas come with a hanging hook, making installation a breeze.

Fold it

Perfect for smaller backyard areas, umbrella heaters add warmth to your evenings. They attach easily and safely to an existing patio umbrella, heating up to 10 square metres and conveniently fold up when the umbrella is closed.

NEWS CANADA

Come on baby light my garden

HGTV's Jamie Durie gives his suggestions for bringing mood lighting into your outdoor space for every taste

Few things are prettier in a night garden than soft pools of light illuminating interesting trees, accent rocks and plants, or pathways.

Whether on a small terrace or in a sweeping landscape, lighting creates a welcoming and often dramatic atmosphere.

But in some cases, buried-wire electric lighting can be costly and impracticable. The answer might be solar lighting.

The technology of solar lighting has been refined in recent years to include new batteries that take and hold a charge better — typically 1,000 nights per unit. LED bulbs, too, have become more efficient. They can stay outside in any weather, and are available in various watts and colours.

Jamie Durie, author and host of HGTV's The Outdoor Room, suggests three ways to use solar lighting:

"First, light your perimeter. It gives some perspective, and is a creative way to show the boundaries of your property," Durie says. "Next, mark out your walks and pathways. Lastly, feature trees and other features with up-lighting, or even by attaching solar lights to walls and fences."

Durie's not a fan of "clinical" white LEDs, preferring those with amber light. Make sure when buying solar lights that they're all the same tone. And for areas where you want greater intensity, look for lights with more than two and preferably four LEDs in them.

In his projects, Durie often combines low-voltage electrical lights with solar.

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▶ This outdoor space designed by HGTV's Jamie Durie, host of The Outdoor Room shows soft solar lighting.

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▶ Light bulb-shaped solar lights.

There are wall-mount and lamppost styles here as well, and solar stepping stones that would make a wonderful walkway. You'll find great utility solar lighting as well: motion-sensing security lights, shed lights, address lights and even grill lights.

Stake lights are the quickest to install; Target and Home Depot carry mini lights in copper, stainless or black finishes that can be placed in the ground or in any plant container. Look for coach and Craftsman-style lamps sold in multiples at both retailers. Target's solar lamppost in a planter box is an attractive option.

The key, of course, is to position your lights for maximum sun exposure. Some lights have a separate photocell that can be placed a distance from the actual bulb component or string, so even a shady-area tree can be lit up.

Solar string lights look pretty illuminating trees around a patio or pool, or entwining a step railing. Plow & Hearth has a line of light bulb-shaped ones, cool for a hipster's outdoor space. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The pressing matter of a bench

The right potting bench can make or break the ease of your gardening life ◗ Choose wisely and consider these tips

One of Karen Angelucci's favourite gardening tools is the wood potting bench her father made for her.

The big poplar bench has shelves for storing pots, nails on which to hang utensils, and a large work area, said Angelucci of Lexington, Ky., an author of gardening books. "I have to have room to work and create," she said. "Potting benches tell the character of a person. That's why mine's large and messy."

Gardeners use the benches primarily for potting flowers and small seedlings.

They can help you become more efficient, said Robin Pokorski, secretary for the National Garden Clubs. She likes having all her tools within arm's reach when she's potting plants. "I wouldn't do without it," said Pokorski, who lives in Los Angeles.

Pokorski chose a plastic bench because she felt it would hold up better under the California sun. Potting benches are available in many materials, from wood to vinyl.

Building one can be an easy do-it-yourself project, said Lou Manfredini, Ace Hardware's Home Expert, in Chicago.

Here are some things to consider before buying or building a potting bench:

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▶ Karen Angelucci's potting bench at her home in Lexington, Ky.

LOCATION

Put the bench in a shady spot so you're not working in direct sun, experts recommend. Consider whether to incorporate the bench into the landscape or hide it behind a garage or shed. Remember that a potting bench can get messy and cluttered.

SIZE

Think about what size plants and pots you will be using, and how much workspace you will need.

HEIGHT

Make sure the work area is at a comfortable level. You don't want to have to bend down or reach up.

STORAGE

Some benches come with shelves, drawers or utensil hooks for storing or displaying gardening tools. Consider hanging tools on hooks so they aren't sitting in wet drawers after it rains.

MATERIAL

Pick a material suited to your climate. Many benches are made from cedar or redwood, which can withstand the elements well. Plastic and recycled materials also hold up well in sun, rain and snow.

WHEELS

Some benches have wheels so they can be moved around the yard. If you intend to roll yours around the lawn, make sure it isn't too heavy to push.

COST

Prices vary widely. A do-it-yourself bench could be constructed for as little as $30. A number of gardening websites offer plans for building potting benches. Store-bought benches start at around $100.

APPEARANCE

Benches come in many styles, from rustic to country cottage to simple and functional. If the bench will be visible from a patio, deck or house window, you will need to consider whether it blends with the look of your house or yard.

ACCESSORIES

Potting benches can be outfitted with many kinds of equipment. Some have sinks that can be rigged to outdoor spigots. Others have leaves or shelves that can be folded out to create extra workspace. Some come with boxes to store soil or catch it while you work. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blend simple spices for perfect Chicken Dukka

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When it comes to weeknight cooking, the most basic of basics is the boneless, skinless chicken breast. For this recipe, the inspiration was dukka, a classic Egyptian spice blend. We, however, used an easy-to-make version since finding the Egyptian spices may be a challenge.

Preparation:

1. **Dukka:** In a mortar and pestle, combine and crush sesame seeds, 2 ml (1/2 tsp) of salt, cumin, peppercorns and paprika. Set aside.
2. Lay each chicken breast on cutting surface and slice across centre horizontally to create 2 thin halves. Sprinkle each one on all sides with salt and pepper. Set aside.
3. In skillet over medium-high, melt butter. Cook meat 4 minutes per side.
4. Spread a bit of the hummus over each piece of bread, then top with a piece of chicken. Spoon diced egg over chicken, then sprinkle with dukka spice blend.

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Ingredients:

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) sesame seeds
- Kosher salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) ground cumin
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) whole black peppercorns
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) smoked paprika
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- Ground black pepper
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) butter
- 500 g (16 oz) hummus
- 30-cm (12-inch) baguette, sliced into 8 long oblongs
- 4 hard-boiled eggs, diced

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Mediterranean Vermicelli

This vermicelli and tuna combo is a fun and nutritious dish to serve to children who may be fussy about eating fish but are fond of noodles. It's easy to make and uses pantry staples.

Preparation:

1. Place noodles in a bowl and pour boiling water over them; soak for 4 minutes.
2. In a pan on medium high heat, lightly sauté tuna.
3. Slice red pepper and sun-dried tomatoes (reserve 15 ml/1 tbsp oil from each jar).
4. Drain noodles. In a large bowl, stir noodles with all the ingredients including reserved oil. Pour additional 15 ml (1 tbsp) oils onto mixture for extra flavour. Serve immediately.

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Ingredients:

- 165 g (6 oz) vermicelli noodles (fine width)
- 2 cans flaked light tuna (lemon and pepper flavour)
- 1 roasted pepper from a jar (from a jar)
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) sun-dried tomatoes (from a jar)
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) sliced black olives (from a jar)

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4 sports

Huge comebacks now not so rare

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The Philadelphia Flyers, Chicago Blackhawks and now the Detroit Red Wings have all breathed new life into NHL playoff comebacks that once seemed impossible.

After 35 years and 112 consecutive series without a single comeback from a 3-0 deficit, the Red Wings have become the third team in the past 12 months to be in that position. They've battled back from an 0-3 hole to force a Game 7 and can knock off the San Jose Sharks tonight.

"The more comebacks that happen, the more teams believe, 'Hey, we can do this and it's possible,'" said Tampa Bay Lightning general manager Steve Yzerman.

The Flyers shocked Boston last May when they knocked off the Bruins after trailing the Eastern Conference semifinal 3-0, just the third comeback victory of its kind.

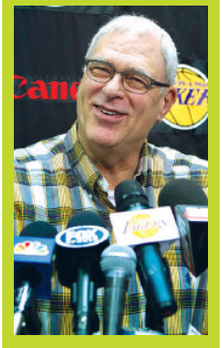
The Blackhawks almost did the same in the first round this year when they battled back from a 3-0 deficit against the Vancouver Canucks, only to fall short in a Game 7 loss.

Yzerman called the comebacks "great for our league" and said "competitive parity" is a factor for their sudden regularity.

The Red Wings-Sharks series illustrates that. It has been tied or separated by a single goal for 336 out of 376 total minutes, or 90 per cent of the series.

"The games are so close," Yzerman said. "Every single game is one goal and it can go either way, so the teams that fall behind (in the series), as long as they don't get discouraged and don't make any (unnecessary) adjustments, there's always hope."

Quoted



"I have no plans to return. Today, I'm sure. What it's going to be like in six months, I'm not sure."

LOS ANGELES LAKERS COACH PHIL JACKSON AT A PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY. JACKSON WON 11 NBA CHAMPIONSHIPS WITH THE LAKERS AND CHICAGO BULLS AND LEAVES THE GAME WITH 1,155 WINS AND A CAREER .704 WINNING PERCENTAGE, WHICH IS NO. 1 IN NBA HISTORY.

Too close to call

Sharks hope to avoid adding huge collapse to list of playoff woes

Depending on how the numbers are crunched, a compelling case can be made that the Detroit Red Wings and San Jose Sharks both have the edge going into their improbable Game 7.

In a playoff season full of overtimes, one-goal games and road wins, this one truly is a toss-up.

The Wings can take solace in Chicago taking Presidents' Trophy-winning Vancouver to the brink in the first round. But the Blackhawks fell short in overtime of Game 7 after winning three straight.

Ah yes, overtime.

There have been lots of those in this year's playoffs — 20 in the first 69 games. Here is where you can add a check mark in the Sharks' column. San Jose is 5-0 in overtime in this post-season, including two wins against Detroit as it built what seemed to be an insurmountable lead.

WINGS | SHARKS

Time: 7 p.m.
Channel: TSN

"They're having a good run," Red Wings forward Henrik Zetterberg said of the Sharks. "Once you start winning a few games in overtime, you start believing in yourself."

Between 1976 and 2010, of the 112 series in which a team led 3-0 none needed a Game 7. There have been 167 leads of 3-0, with only 1.8 per cent of teams blowing them.

Only the 2004 Boston Red Sox have done it in baseball history. No NBA team has pulled off the feat.

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Sharks goalie Antti Niemi sprawls in his crease against the Red Wings in Game 6.

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Celtics succumb to Heat

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LeBron James

Dwyane Wade scored 34 points, LeBron James put Miami up for good with a three-pointer with 2:10 left and finished with 33, and the Heat scored the final 16 points to top Boston 97-87 last night to win their East semifinal in five games.

James came to Miami in part to improve his chances to beat the Celtics, and the move paid off. Boston ended two of his last three post-season runs with Cleveland.

Chris Bosh had 14 points and 11 rebounds for Miami. Ray Allen led the Celtics with 18 points.

Next up for Miami: Either Chicago or Atlanta. The Bulls lead 3-2.

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Sports in brief

Arizona holds on to Coyotes

NHL. Glendale city council has voted to pay the NHL $25 million US in operating costs to keep the Coyotes in Phoenix. The vote on Tuesday night came a week after the league exercised its option to cash in $25 million pledged by the city a year ago.

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Hejduk signs deal with Avs

NHL. The Colorado Avalanche have signed forward Milan Hejduk to a one-year contract through 2011-12. The Denver Post reported the deal was worth $2.6 million US.

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

PLAYOFFS

All times Eastern

CONFERENCE SEMI-FINALS

(Best-of-7 series)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON VS. TAMPA BAY
(Tampa Bay wins 4-0)
PHILADELPHIA VS. BOSTON
(Boston wins 4-0)

WESTERN CONFERENCE

VANCOUVER VS. NASHVILLE
(Vancouver wins 4-2)
SAN JOSE VS. DETROIT
(Series tied 3-3)

Tuesday's result
Detroit 3 San Jose 1

Tonight's game
Detroit at San Jose, 9 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Kesler, Vcr	5	10	15
Datsyuk, Det	3	11	14
Ward, Nash	7	6	13
St. Louis, TB	6	7	13
Clowe, SJ	4	9	13
Lecavalier, TB	5	7	12
P.Bergeron, Bos	2	10	12
Downie, TB	2	10	12
Giroux, Pha	1	11	12
Couture, SJ	5	6	11
Marchand, Bos	5	6	11
Purcell, TB	1	10	11
D.Sedin, Vcr	6	4	10
Horton, Bos	5	5	10
Krejci, Bos	5	5	10
Ovechkin, Wash	5	5	10
Cammalleri, Mtl	3	7	10
J.Thornton, SJ	2	8	10
Briere, Pha	7	2	9
Legwand, Nash	6	3	9
Boyle, SJ	2	7	9
Ehrhoff, Vcr	2	7	9
H.Sedin, Vcr	1	8	9
Bergenheim, TB	7	1	8
Burrows, Vcr	4	4	8
Lidstrom, Det	4	4	8
Heatley, SJ	3	5	8
Moore, TB	2	6	8
Perry, Ana	2	6	8
van Riemsdyk, Pha	7	0	7
Selanne, Ana	6	1	7
Pavelski, SJ	5	2	7
Kelly, Bos	4	3	7
Fisher, Nash	3	4	7
Holmstrom, Det	3	4	7
Filpula, Det	2	5	7
Gagne, TB	2	5	7
Recchi, Bos	2	5	7
Zetterberg, Det	2	5	7
Gragnani, Buf	1	6	7
S.Koivu, Ana	1	6	7
Laich, Wash	1	6	7
M.Richards, Pha	1	6	7
Wellwood, SJ	1	6	7
Setoguchi, SJ	5	1	6
Keith, Chi	4	2	6
Semin, Wash	4	2	6
Stamkos, TB	4	2	6
Helm, Det	3	3	6
Bertuzzi, Det	2	4	6
Bolland, Chi	2	4	6
Cleary, Det	2	4	6
Edler, Vcr	2	4	6
Getzlaf, Ana	2	4	6
Hossa, Chi	2	4	6
Johansson, Wash	2	4	6
Kronwall, Det	2	4	6
Meszaros, Pha	2	4	6
Spaling, Nash	2	4	6
Arnott, Wash	1	5	6
Brewer, TB	1	5	6
Erat, Nash	1	5	6
Franson, Nash	1	5	6
Green, Wash	1	5	6
P.Kane, Chi	1	5	6
Myers, Buf	1	5	6
Peverley, Bos	1	5	6
Seidenberg, Bos	1	5	6
Suter, Nash	1	5	6
Timonen, Pha	1	5	6
Tootoo, Nash	1	5	6
Versteeg, Pha	1	5	6
I.White, SJ	1	5	6
Vanek, Buf	5	0	5
Clifford, LA	3	2	5
Doan, Phx	3	2	5
Gionta, Mtl	3	2	5
Leino, Pha	3	2	5
Malone, TB	3	2	5
Sharp, Chi	3	2	5
S.Weber, Nash	3	2	5
Frolik, Chi	2	3	5
Lucic, Bos	2	3	5
Marleau, SJ	2	3	5
Richardson, LA	2	3	5
Plekanec, Mtl	2	3	5

LACROSSE

NLL PLAYOFFS

FINAL

Sunday's game
Washington at Toronto, 2 p.m. (EDT)

HOCKEY

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MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

QUARTER-FINALS
All games at Bratislava
Yesterday's results
Czech Republic 4 United States 0
Sweden 5 Germany 2
Today's games
All times Eastern
Finland vs. Norway, 10:15 a.m.
Canada vs. Russia, 2:15 p.m.
SEMI-FINALS
At Bratislava
Tomorrow's games
Czech Republic vs. Sweden, 10:15 a.m.
Finland-Norway winner vs. **Canada**-Russia winner, 2:15 p.m.
MEDAL ROUND
Sunday's games
At Bratislava
Bronze Medal
Semi-final Losers, 10 a.m.
Gold Medal
Semi-final Winners, 2:30 p.m.

CANADIAN STATISTICS

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
John Tavares	5	4	9
Jeff Skinner	3	3	6
Jason Spezza	3	3	6
Rick Nash	2	3	5
James Neal	2	3	5
Jordan Eberle	4	0	4
Brent Burns	2	2	4
Alex Pietrangelo	2	2	4
Chris Stewart	2	2	4
Travis Zajac	1	2	3
Dion Phaneuf	0	3	3
Marc-Andre Gragnani	1	1	2
Evander Kane	0	2	2
Mario Scalzo	0	2	2
Cal Clutterbuck	0	1	1
Luke Schenn	0	1	1
Carlo Colaiacovo	0	0	0
Matt Duchene	0	0	0
Andrew Ladd	0	0	0
Marc Methot	0	0	0
Antoine Vermette	0	0	0

GOALTENDERS

	MP	W-L	GA	SO	Avg.
Devan Dubnyk	13	0-0	0	0	0.00
Jonathon Bernier	120	2-0	4	0	2.00
James Reimer	235	3-0	8	0	2.04

MLB

BLUE JAYS 9, RED SOX 3

Boston	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Ellsury cf	4	0	0	0	YEscor ss	3	1	1	1
Pedroia 2b	4	0	0	0	CPttrsn lf	4	1	2	1
AdGnzl 1b	4	2	2	1	Bautist rf	4	1	1	0
Youkils 3b	3	0	1	1	JRiver dh	5	0	1	0
Ortiz dh	4	1	1	1	A.Hill 2b	5	0	1	1
J.Drew rf	2	0	1	0	Arencii c	4	1	0	0
Crwfrd lf	4	0	2	0	Cooper 1b	2	1	0	1
Sltlmch c	3	0	0	0	JMcDnl 3b	4	2	2	3
Iglesias ss	3	0	0	0	RDavis cf	4	2	4	2
Totals	**31**	**3**	**7**	**3**	**Totals**	**35**	**9**	**12**	**9**

Boston	**100**	**002**	**000**	**3**
Toronto	**002**	**200**	**50x**	**9**

E—Lackey (2). DP—Toronto 3. LOB—Boston 4, Toronto 9. 2B—Ad.Gonzalez (13), C.Patterson (9), Jo.McDonald (3). HR—Ad.Gonzalez (7), Ortiz (6), Jo.McDonald (2). SB—C.Patterson (5), R.Davis 2 (11). CS—Crawford (3). SF—Y.Escobar.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Boston						
Lackey L,2-5	6 2-3	9	9	9	5	1
Wakefield	1 1-3	3	0	0	0	3
Toronto						
Litsch W,4-2	5 2-3	6	3	3	1	4
Janssen H,3	1 1-3	1	0	0	0	2
Rauch	1	0	0	0	0	0
F.Francisco	1	0	0	0	2	0

HBP—by Lackey (Cooper).
Umpires—Home, Gary Darling; First, David Rackley; Second, Bruce Dreckman; Third, Paul Emmel.
T—2:49. A—19,163 (49,260).

BLUE JAYS STATISTICS

BATTERS	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	AVG
Bautista	96	28	34	11	20	.354
Lind	128	19	40	7	27	.313
Escobar	127	20	34	3	9	.268
Patterson	101	12	27	2	15	.267
Molina	44	5	11	1	3	.250
Nix	45	7	11	2	5	.244
Encarnacion	107	10	26	0	9	.243
Arencibia	92	7	22	5	12	.239
Hill	75	4	17	0	10	.227
Rivera	106	8	23	2	9	.217
Davis	71	11	14	0	2	.197
McDonald	77	9	15	1	5	.195
Cooper	28	2	4	1	4	.143
PITCHERS	**W**	**L**	**SV**	**IP**	**SO**	**ERA**
Frasor	1	1	0	16.1	17	1.65
Villanueva	1	0	0	21.1	15	1.69
Janssen	0	0	0	14.1	9	1.88
Camp	0	1	0	18.0	8	2.50
Rzepczynski	2	0	0	17.1	18	2.60
Rauch	1	2	5	13.2	8	3.29
Francisco	1	0	2	7.2	11	3.52
Litsch	3	2	0	35.2	31	4.04
Romero	2	4	0	42.1	43	4.04
Morrow	1	2	0	21.0	29	4.71
Drabek	2	2	0	43.0	33	4.81
Reyes	0	3	0	36.0	24	5.00
Dotel	1	1	0	10.0	12	7.20

Last night's game not included

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	20	14	.588	—
Tampa Bay	21	15	.583	—
Toronto	17	20	.459	4½
Boston	17	20	.459	4½
Baltimore	16	19	.457	4½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	23	12	.657	—
Kansas City	19	17	.528	4½
Detroit	20	18	.526	4½
Chicago	14	23	.378	10
Minnesota	12	23	.343	11

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	21	16	.568	—
Texas	19	18	.514	2
Oakland	19	18	.514	2
Seattle	16	21	.432	5

Yesterday's results
Toronto 9 Boston 3
Kansas City 4 N.Y. Yankees 3 (11 innings)
Baltimore 4 Seattle 2
Tampa Bay 8 Cleveland 2
Detroit 9 Minnesota 7
Oakland at Texas, ppd., rain
Chicago White Sox at L.A. Angels
Tuesday's results
Toronto 7 Boston 6 (10 innings)
L.A. Angels 6 Chicago White Sox 2
Baltimore 7 Seattle 6 (13 innings)
Texas 7 Oakland 2
Cleveland 5 Tampa Bay 4
N.Y. Yankees 3 Kansas City 1
Detroit 10 Minnesota 2
Today's games
All times Eastern
Tampa Bay (Shields 3-1) at Cleveland (Masterson 5-0), 12:05 p.m.
Kansas City (O'Sullivan 1-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Nova 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Vargas 2-2) at Baltimore (Britton 5-2), 7:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	24	12	.667	—
Florida	21	15	.583	3
Atlanta	20	18	.526	5
Washington	18	18	.500	6
New York	16	20	.444	8

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	21	16	.568	—
Cincinnati	20	17	.541	1
Pittsburgh	18	19	.486	3
Chicago	16	19	.457	4
Milwaukee	16	21	.432	5
Houston	14	23	.378	7

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	19	15	.559	—
San Francisco	19	16	.543	½
Los Angeles	18	20	.474	3
Arizona	15	19	.441	4
San Diego	15	22	.405	5½

Yesterday's results
San Diego 13 Milwaukee 6
Houston 4 Cincinnati 3
Philadelphia 5 Florida 3
Washington 7 Atlanta 3 (11 innings)
L.A. Dodgers 2 Pittsburgh 0
Chicago Cubs 11 St. Louis 4
N.Y. Mets at Colorado, ppd., rain
Arizona at San Francisco
Tuesday's results
San Francisco 1 Arizona 0
St. Louis 6 Chicago Cubs 4
Cincinnati 7 Houston 3
Florida 2 Philadelphia 1
Washington 7 Atlanta 6
Milwaukee 8 San Diego 6
L.A. Dodgers 10 Pittsburgh 3
N.Y. Mets 4 Colorado 3
Today's games
All times Eastern
St. Louis (J.Garcia 4-0) at Chicago Cubs (C.Coleman 1-2), 2:20 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Niese 1-4) at Colorado (Jimenez 0-2), 3:10 p.m.
Arizona (D.Hudson 3-4) at San Francisco (Cain 2-2), 3:45 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Garland 1-2) at Pittsburgh (Morton 4-1), 7:05 p.m.
Washington (Zimmermann 2-4) at Atlanta (D.Lowe 3-3), 7:10 p.m.

CYCLING

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Fifth Stage
(191-km. stage from Piombino to Orvieto)
1. Pieter Weening, Neth., Rabobank, 4 hr, 54 min, 49 sec; 2. Fabio Duarte, Colom., Geox-TMC, 8 sec beh; 3. Jose Perez, Colom., Androni, same time; 4. Christophe Le Mevel, France, Garmin, s.t.; 5. Oscar Gatto, Italy, Farnese Vini, s.t.; 6. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Liquigas, s.t.; 7. Alberto Contador, Spain, Saxo Bank, s.t.; 8. Michele Scarponi, Italy, Lampre, s.t.; 9. Joaquin Rodriguez, Spain, Katusha, s.t.; 10. Roman Kreuziger, Czech Republic, Astana, s.t.
75. Michael Barry, Toronto, Sky Procycling.
Overall Leaders
(after fifth of 21 stages)
1. Pieter Weening, Neth., Rabobank, 14 hr, 59 min, 33 sec; 2. Marco Pinotti, Ita., HTC-Highroad, 2 sec beh; 3. Kanstantsin Sivtsov, Belarus, HTC-Highroad, same time; 4. Christophe Le Mevel, France, Garmin, 0:05; 5. Pablo Garcia, Spain, Movistar, 0:22; 6. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Liquigas, 0:24; 7. Michele Scarponi, Italy, 0:26; 8. Steven Kruijswijk, Netherland, 0:28; 9. Alberto Contador, Spain, Saxo Bank, 0:30; 10. Jose Perez, Colombia, Androni, 0:33.
70. Michael Barry, Toronto, Sky Procycling.

SOCCER

MLS

Last night's results
San Jose 1 Vancouver 1
Dallas 1 Toronto 0
Los Angeles 1 Philadelphia 1
Saturday's games
All times Eastern
Chicago at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Colorado at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
Columbus at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Portland at Seattle, 11 p.m.
Sunday's games
Chivas USA at New York, 7 p.m.

TENNIS

ATP-WTA

INTERNAZIONALI BNL D'ITALIA

At Rome
Men's Singles — Second Round
Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Paolo Lorenzi, Italy, 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-0.
Novak Djokovic (2), Serbia, def. Lukasz Kubot, Poland, 6-0, 6-3.
Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, France, 6-4, 6-2.
Florian Mayer, Germany, def. Jurgen Melzer (8), Austria, 6-4 (retired).
Nicolas Almagro (9), Spain, def. Sam Querrey, U.S., 6-3, 7-6 (4).
Mardy Fish (11), U.S., def. Ivan Ljubicic, Croatia, 7-6 (2), 5-7, 6-2.
Stanislas Wawrinka (14), Switzerland, def. Filippo Volandri, Italy, 6-1, 3-6, 6-2.
Potito Starace, Italy, def. Viktor Troicki (15), Serbia, 6-4, 6-4.
Juan Ignacio Chela, Argentina, def. Gilles Simon, France, 6-4, 6-2.
Feliciano Lopez, Spain, def. Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.
Marin Cilic, Croatia, def. Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, 6-4, 6-3.
Women's Singles — Second Round
Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, def. Anastasia Rodionova, Russia, 6-2, 6-0.
Victoria Azarenka (3), Belarus, def. Sara Errani, Italy, 6-1, 6-2.
Li Na (4), China, def. Lourdes Dominguez Lino, Spain, 6-4, 6-2.
Jelena Jankovic (5), Serbia, def. Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, 6-0, 6-3.
Sam Stosur (6), Australia, def. Iveta Benesova, Czech Republic, 6-1, 7-5.
Elena Vesnina, Russia, def. Agnieszka Radwanska (8), Poland, 3-6, 6-2, 6-1.
Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, def. Marion Bartoli (9), France, 6-4, 6-3.
Shahar Peer (10), Israel, def. Alisa Kleybanova, Russia, 6-3, 7-5.
Polona Hercog, Slovenia, def. Andrea Petkovic (12), Germany, 6-4, 6-3.
Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, def. Ana Ivanovic (13), Serbia, 2-6, 7-6 (4), 6-3.
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (16), Russia, def. Vera Dushevina, Russia, 7-5, 6-4.

NBA

PLAYOFFS

All times Eastern

SECOND ROUND

(Best-of-7 series)

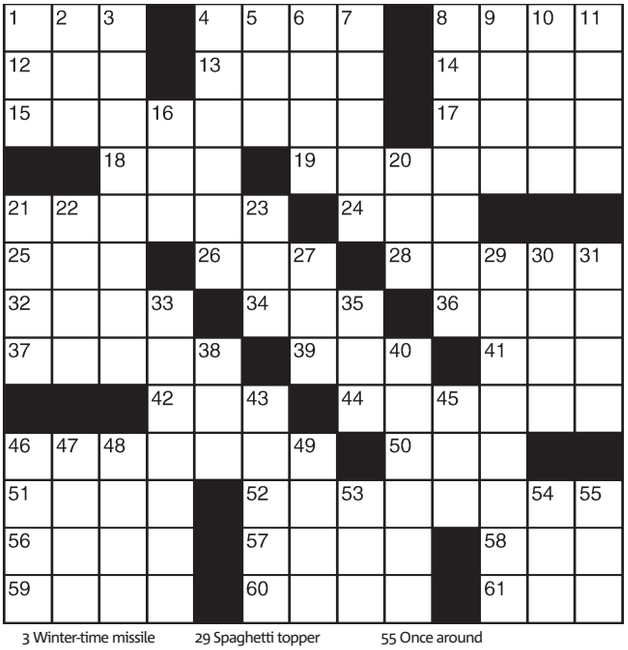
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Chicago (1) vs. Atlanta (5)
(Chicago leads 3-2)
Tuesday's result
Chicago 95 Atlanta 83
Tonight's game
Chicago at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
Miami (2) vs. Boston (3)
(Miami wins 4-1)
Last night's result
Miami 97 Boston 87

WESTERN CONFERENCE

L.A. Lakers (2) vs. Dallas (3)
(Dallas wins 4-0)
Oklahoma City (4) vs. Memphis (8)
(Oklahoma City leads 3-2)
Last night's result
Oklahoma City 99 Memphis 72
Tomorrow's game
Oklahoma City at Memphis, 9 or 9:30 p.m.

Crossword



Across

1 Ambulance initials
4 Snake's noise
8 Fine
12 PC linkup
13 "Movin' —" ("The Jeffersons" theme)
14 See 25-Across
15 Tabletop soccer game
17 Carey or Barrymore
18 Pale
19 Shot that misses completely
21 Mandrill, e.g.
24 Suits — T
25 With 14-Across, monkey's talk in an old silly song
26 Greet the villain
28 He's had some bad hare days
32 Spring melody
34 Insult (Sl.)
36 — Strauss & Co.
37 Big brawl
39 Varnish ingredient
41 Lend a hand
42 Coach Parseghian
44 Rook
46 Snooker need
50 Horde
51 Killer whale
52 Human dynamo
56 Marx or Malden
57 "American —"
58 Meadow
59 Hebrew month
60 A very long time
61 Back talk

Down

1 Sprite
2 Long March chairman
3 Winter-time missile
4 Mingle
5 — pinch
6 1973 Toni Morrison novel
7 Divided
8 Kook
9 Songwriter DioGuardi
10 First victim
11 Sailing vessel
16 — Paulo
20 Fish eggs
21 Soothing ointment
22 Rose's love
23 Affirmative action?
27 Lubricate
29 Spaghetti topper
30 Wicked
31 Take the bus
33 Brewing gizmo
35 Anatomical pouch
38 Pitcher's stat
40 Desert caravan
43 Role for Michael Caine or Jude Law
45 Weep loudly
46 Furnace fuel
47 Caspian feeder
48 Beige
49 Chic beach resort
53 Director Howard
54 Floral garland
55 Once around

▶ Yesterday's answer

H	A	Y	■	C	U	S	S	■	M	E	O	W
A	G	O	■	A	G	U	E	■	O	R	E	O
N	A	Y	■	T	H	E	M	E	P	A	R	K
G	R	O	A	N	■	■	I	M	P	■	■	■
■	■	■	T	A	W	A	■	S	E	D	A	N
B	A	L	L	P	A	R	K	■	T	A	C	O
A	H	A	■	S	L	I	N	G	■	N	E	O
B	A	S	K	■	D	E	E	R	P	A	R	K
A	B	H	O	R	■	S	W	A	T	■	■	■
■	■	■	W	A	S	■	■	C	A	D	E	T
S	O	U	T	H	P	A	R	K	■	U	S	A
A	U	T	O	■	E	V	I	L	■	A	P	T
C	R	E	W	■	C	E	D	E	■	L	Y	E

Sudoku

	4		9	1	8		7	
7								9
		5				4		
9	3		8		7		4	6
				9				
6	8		2		1		3	5
		3				2		
4								7
	7		5	6	4		8	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

5	2	6	4	7	3	9	8	1
9	4	3	6	1	8	2	7	5
7	1	8	2	5	9	3	6	4
1	5	7	3	4	2	6	9	8
6	3	4	8	9	5	1	2	7
2	8	9	1	6	7	4	5	3
3	9	1	5	8	6	7	4	2
4	7	5	9	2	1	8	3	6
8	6	2	7	3	4	5	1	9

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JC, I love you so much and hope tomorrow will go well. I no changes are happening in our lives but I will always be by your side <3 **ANDI**

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bunches you drive me crazy, I think of you all the time, if only fate had the same paths for us to be happy together it would be amazing. Just know that your neighbour is there and will always have a spot for you in her heart! hugs and kisses babe! **NEIGHBOUR**

A look at the weather

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Min 9° Max 21°	Min 4° Max 18°	Min 6° Max 21°

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Use your energy to finish tasks you started but allowed to drift.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You must try not to force people to do things against their will. It will work against you.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 If you want to get somewhere worth going, rely on someone who knows the way.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Not everyone is as honest as you. You need to keep that fact in mind at all times today.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Someone in a position of authority will make you a great offer today.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Now is the time to stop dreaming and start doing. Go for it.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Jealousy will rear its ugly head today. You could find yourself saying things you don't mean.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 The odds are high that you will fall out with someone you have feelings for today. The pressure has been building.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 The best way to deal with a problem is attack it, head on.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You don't have to do everything at a rate of knots. More haste, less speed.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Try not to let a minor matter assume more importance than it deserves. No need for tears.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Do you have something to prove? If so, it's time to get over it.

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